

poverty eradication programmes are introduced with time bound results and constant periodical monitoring of the results to be achieved; and

(c) what are the details of the existing poverty eradication programmes and whether the results envisaged have been achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Irregularities in DoP

2510. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2357, given in Rajya Sabha on 11th December, 2000, and state:

(a) whether the CBI on the basis of unflinching evidence had converted the said case from P.E. to R.C. on 20th July, 1998 and later efforts were made to dilute the same;

(b) whether the delinquent officers have been absolved of the charges of committing large-scale irregularities;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether there is variance in the CBI Investigation Report and CAG Report in the said case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The P.E. was converted into R.C. on 20.7.98 by CBI, after *prima facie* material was revealed during preliminary enquiry indicating commission of cognizable offence by the suspects.

However, at the time of registration of the FIR, complete picture is not available. The evidence is assessed in totality by CBI after conclusion of the investigation, particularly from the point of view of the possibility of launching prosecution.

Investigation in the case has been completed and investigation

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report recommending regular departmental action against the accused has been received in the Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Although investigations could not establish any criminality on the part of the accused persons, several procedural lapses were revealed on the part of various public servants. But no action could be recommended against them as all of them except one have retired long back. Regular departmental action has been recommended against one official who is still in service.

The final recommendations of CBI are being considered in the Ministry of UD&PA. CBI has been requested to make available the records of the case which are awaited. Necessary action will be taken after obtaining advice of CVC.

(d) CAG report in this case pertained to non-utilisation of the envelope making machines. CAG report had pointed out only the idling of the machines. The CBI case was primarily focussed on investigating criminal conspiracy in the procurement of these machines. The issue of variance in the CBI report and CAG report, therefore, does not arise.

Non-spreading of expenditure throughout the year

2511. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether only three per cent of the Budget of Rs. 2000 crores in 1996-97 was spent in the first 11 months and the rest 97 per cent was spent in March of that year for providing potable drinking water and to improve the sanitation conditions;

(b) if so, whether Government enquired into the matter of not spreading the expenditure throughout the year; and

(c) the action Government propose to bring discipline in the use of public money?